

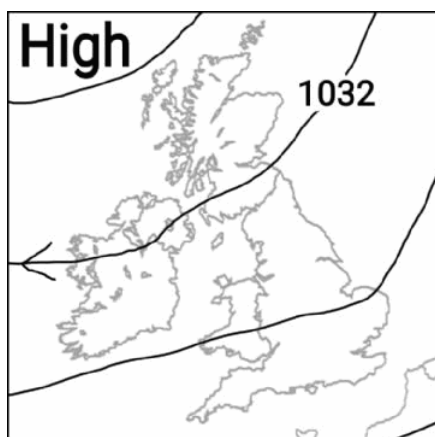
Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Monday, 29 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 December, 2025

Chilly northeasterly winds with extensive cloud with patchy precipitation locally. Best breaks and sun western Scotland, also toward west in England and Wales. As a cold front edges south, cloud may break up more widely later for the Highlands with colder conditions developing on the hills.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Chilly northeast wind. Cloud and hill fog mainly in the east. Clearer in the west.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly 10 to 15mph, but tending to lift to 15 to 25mph through the day. May lift to 30mph over tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but increasingly considerable wind chill where exposed to the wind and rather gusty.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk locally light precipitation in east. Mostly dry, but scope for a little patchy spots of light rain or snow grains from the banks of low cloud in the east.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud banks mostly in the east. Cloud banks mainly confined to eastern hills east of the M74 with bases around 500-700m. Patchy banks further west where hills may be mostly clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% in east, 80% in west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudiest in the east, best sun in the west. Visibility mostly very good outside of any precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0C, small change in temperature with height. Feeling like -7C as wind increases.
Freezing Level	Freezing level poorly defined, generally much of terrain frozen. Frost into valleys in morning.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 10mph	North-westerly backing westerly 15 to 25mph, increasing to 25 to 35mph through the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Small	Be prepared for increasingly blustery conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated if any snow flurries in the east Very likely dry, risk of isolated snow flurries edging onto the Cheviots.	Mostly dry Dry much of day, risk patchy precipitation later, snow flurries on upper slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches mainly eastern hills. Patches covering higher slopes hills east of the M74. May well tend to clear and break up through day. Isolated if any patches in the west.	Lowering onto hills from west. Hills starting clear, but increasingly low cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes or tops near and west of M74. Eastern hills may stay clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% in west, 50% in east.	80% at first, lowering to 30% in west, 60% in east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, may be mostly cloudy in the east. Visibility very good or excellent.	Bright start with sun through high cloud, but cloud building from west. Visibility mostly very good or excellent. Turning misty later in the west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C	Around -1C, perhaps plus 1C later. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	500-600m	All levels at first, following widespread frost into valleys, but lifting to 500-600m, perhaps 800m later.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

Up until end of the year, high pressure still dominates.

Significant change from New Year's Day as a cold front introduces, a much colder and strong northerly giving severe wind chill with temperatures well below average for the first week to the New Year with frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. All terrain becoming frozen, with scope for very low valley temperatures over snow cover when northerly flow eases.

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